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1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU, AMBASSADOR CON-

VEYED MOST WELCOME NEWS OF EXTENSION OF \$7 MILLION IN EARTH-
QUAKE ASSISTANCE TO DEPUTY MINISTER GLIGA DURING ARMITAGE
CALL ON MAY 17. GLIGA WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THIS DE-
CISION AND EXPRESSED DEEPEST THANKS ON BEHALF OF ROMANIAN
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. APPROVAL ALSO CONVEYED TO DEPUTY
MIN MARGARITescu (FOREIGN TRADE) ALONG WITH DETAILS OF
PROPOSAL FOR VISIT OF ROMANIAN CONSTRUCTION TEAM (REFTEL D).
AMBASSADOR LATER CONVEYED DECISION TO FOREIGN MINISTER
MACOVESCU AFTER LATTER'S RETURN MAY 20.

2. ON MAY 21 E/C COUNSELOR REVIEWED PROPOSALS FOR ALL
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TEAM VISITS (REFTELS A,B,C, & D) WITH STANCIU AND MARGARI-
TESCU (WHO, TOGETHER WITH SANDRU, HAD BEEN AWAY FROM
BUCHAREST WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY). ROMANIAN RESPONSE,
WHICH GROUPED ACCORDING TO TEAMS IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS,
RAISES NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS.

3. ROMANIAN EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT TEAM - MARGARITESCU INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PREFER THAT TEAM HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN U.S. (NAPOLEON FODOR) WHO ARRIVES IN BUCHAREST THIS COMING WEEK. THEY WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT TEAM ARRIVE IN U.S. ON JUNE 1. ADDITIONAL TIME WILL BE USED TO DEFINE REQUIREMENTS MORE PRECISELY IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS DO NOT CORRESPOND EXACTLY WITH ITEMS ON ROMANIANS LISTS. QUESTION OF SHIPPING WILL BE AMONG THOSE DISCUSSED WITH FODOR. IF GOR CONSIDERS THAT REPRESENTATIVES IN U.S. DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE EXPERTISE, TEAM WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE FSHIP-PING SPECIALIST. AS OF NOW TEAM WILL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS WITH SIXTH POSSIBLY (RADU NEGRU, INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH DESIGN IN CONSTRUCTION) TO BE ADDED:

- ION PAUN, COUNSELOR IN IMPORT DEPT. OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, TEAM LEADER.
- IOSEP OREST, MECANOEXPORT, SPECIALIST IN BUILDING EQUIPMENT
- ION VITA, DIRECTOR, CONSTRUCTION INSTITUTE
- VIRGIL AFLAT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SPECIALIST IN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
- GHEORGHE DIACONESCU, TECHNOIMPORT, SPECIALIST IN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

4. ROMANIAN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TEAM. ROMANIANS WOULD PREFER THAT PROGRAM FOR THIS TEAM FOLLOW AS DIRECTLY AS POSSIBLE ON COMPLETION OF WORK OF ROMANIAN EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT TEAM SINCE IT IS GOR'S INTENTION THAT VITA AND POSSIBLY NEGRU PARTICIPATE IN BOTH ACTIVITIES. IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM FOR TWO TEAMS WERE CONSECUTIVE, AVAILABLE TIME WOULD BE USED MOST EFFICIENTLY AND RETURN TRIP TO BUCHAREST AVOIDED. RESPONSE TO OUTLINE PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE SUGGESTED AND MARGARITESCU AGREED THAT THERE MIGHT BE UTILITY IN ROMANIAN TEAM VISITING WEST COAST TO VIEW FIRST-HAND HOW VARIOUS EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT TECHNIQUES ARE EMPLOYED IN EARTHQUAKE ZONE.

5. U.S. BUILDING REPAIR TEAM. ROMANIANS EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH DELAY AND WILL AWAIT OUR PROPOSAL. WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CABLE US PROMISED BIO DATA AND PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK BY MID-WEEK.

6. U.S. SEISMOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE. PROPOSAL WILL BE REFERRED TO STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY UNDER WHOSE AEGIS SEISMOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES FALL. FOR HIS PART MARGARITESCU FORESAW NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM, BUT HE DID QUESTION NEED FOR MULTIPLE VISITS. E/C COUNSELOR REFERRED TO NEED TO COORDI-

NATE OUR EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF OTHER DONORS, SUCH AS UNDP.

7. PUBLICITY - SANDRU HAS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY TO AMBASSADOR THAT GOR DESIRED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO OUR ASSISTANCE. APPROVAL OF \$7 MILLION PACKAGE WOULD SEEM TO OFFER EXCELLENT FOCAL POINT FOR PUBLICITY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION WHAT DEPT. AND AID WOULD THINK APPROPRIATE, BEARING IN MIND TOTALLY DIFFERENT CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF MEDIA IN ROMANIA. WE ARE THINKING FOR EXAMPLE OF SOME PUBLICITY WHEN EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT TEAM LEAVES FOR U.S. AND U.S. BUILDING REPAIR TEAM COMES HERE.
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